GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4277
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ISSUANCE OF ARMS LICENCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has recently urged the Union Government to formulate a clear policy on the issuance of arms licences by State Governments;

(b) if so, whether the involvement of top level bureaucrats in State Governments have come to light in issuing arms licences to anti-social/ national activists;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to review its policy of issuing arms licences to any person in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): According to information received from CBI, they have registered four cases under Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959 against arms dealers of Jammu, Delhi, Faridabad and Panipat and certain officials in Jammu, Faridabad and Gurgaon etc. The investigations are in progress.

(d)&(e): No Such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.